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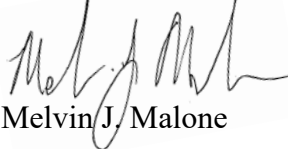
Dear Chairman Jones:

Attached for filing please find *Tennessee-American Water Company's Request to Set Public Comment Hearing* in the above-captioned matter.

As required, the original plus four (4) hard copies will follow. Should you have any questions concerning this filing, or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,

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**BEFORE THE TENNESSEE PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE**

**PETITION OF TENNESSEE-
AMERICAN WATER COMPANY TO
MODIFY TARIFF, CHANGE AND
INCREASE CHARGES, FEES, AND
RATES, AND FOR APPROVAL OF A
GENERAL RATE INCREASE**

DOCKET NO. 24-00032

**TENNESSEE-AMERICAN WATER COMPANY'S
REQUEST TO SET PUBLIC COMMENT HEARING**

Pursuant to the Procedural Schedule in the above-captioned matter, November 18, 2024, is the current date for a hearing on the merits in this case. For good cause shown as set forth below, Tennessee-American Water Company ("Tennessee-American") hereby respectfully requests that the Tennessee Public Utility Commission ("TPUC" or "Commission") set a Public Comment Hearing in Chattanooga, Tennessee, prior to the hearing on the merits.

1. Given Tennessee-American's request for a rate increase under Tenn. Code Ann. § 65-5-101, *et seq.*, consistent with the Commission's past practice, and as noted in the Petition, Tennessee-American would like for its customers and other members of the communities it serves to have the opportunity to comment on the pending rate case, as well as on the safety, adequacy, and reliability of the services it provides.

2. It is anticipated that the Commission will hold the merits hearing at the Commission in Nashville. If so, it would also be customary for the Commission to provide an opportunity for impacted ratepayers to submit public comments to become a part of the official evidentiary record

to be fully considered by the Commission.¹ Therefore, Tennessee-American proposes that a Public Comment Hearing be held in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to serve the public interest.

3. Consistent with prior practice, the Public Comment Hearing could be held at the former Hamilton County Courthouse at 625 Walnut Street, the current Hamilton County Courthouse at 625 Georgia Avenue, the University of Tennessee–Chattanooga’s University Center at 710 E. 5th Street, or at any other suitable Chattanooga-area location as determined by the Commission.

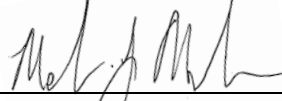
4. Tennessee-American’s previous rate case Public Comment Hearing was held approximately 30 days before the scheduled merits hearing. Here, suggested dates and time for the Public Comment Hearing would be October 10, 11, 16, 17, or 18, 2024, from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Eastern Time. A court reporter would be present at all times during the Public Comment Hearing, and the transcripts from the Public Comment Hearing would be submitted to the Commission for inclusion into the official evidentiary record.

5. For the foregoing reasons, Tennessee-American respectfully requests that the Commission set a Public Comment Hearing in Chattanooga, Tennessee.

¹ See, e.g., *In Re: Petition of Chattanooga Gas Company for a General Rate Increase, Implementation of the Energysmart Conservation Programs and Implementation of a Revenue Decoupling Mechanism*, Notice of Public Service Standard Hearing and Pre-Hearing Conference, TRA Docket No. 09-00183 (Mar. 19, 2010). See also *In Re: Petition of Chattanooga Gas Company for a General Rate Increase, Implementation of the Energysmart Conservation Programs and Implementation of a Revenue Decoupling Mechanism*, Order Modifying Hearing Schedule, TRA Docket No. 09-00183 (Mar. 19, 2010) (Both this March 19, 2010 Order Modifying Hearing Schedule and the earlier entered Order Granting Petitions to Intervene and Establishing Procedural Schedule include a Public Service Standard Hearing.); *In re: Petition of Tennessee American Water Company for a General Rate Increase, Implementation of a Distribution System Infrastructure Charge and the Establishment of Tracking Mechanisms for Purchased Power, Pensions and Chemical Expenses*, Order Granting Motion to Modify Procedural Schedule, TPUC Docket No. 12-00049 (Sept. 5, 2012); *In re: Petition of Chattanooga Gas Company for Approval of an Adjustment in Rates and Tariffs; The Termination of the AUA Mechanism and the Related Tariff Changes and Revenue Deficiency Recovery; and an Annual Rate Review Mechanism*, Amended Notice of Public Comment, TPUC Docket No. 18-00017 (Aug. 3, 2018).

This the 17th day of September 2024.

Respectfully submitted,



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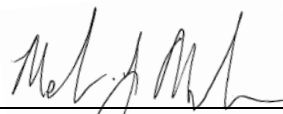
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